

NYLESA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 5, 2015**Venue:**

DANNY KAYE VISITORS CENTER, UNICEF HOUSE
3 United Nations Plaza 44th Street. New York, New York 10017.

Time:

Doors opened 10 am - registration and social networking
Formal proceedings: 11 am – 12.30 pm

PRESENT:**Steering Committee 2014**

Olivier Caudron. Chairperson
Michelle Negreros. Co-chairperson
Francesca De Cesare. Treasurer
Florina Aldea. Welcome Working Group Coordinator (WWG)
Julia Tilinga. Communication Working Group Coordinator (CWG)
Cristina Bertarelli. Career Support Working Group Coordinator (CSWG)

Electoral Officer

Nor Wati Tupaat

General Membership

43 members were present in total

Special Guests

Sovany Trapani, UNICEF
Denise Younker, UNICEF
Takelu Gross, UNICEF
Jorge Flores, UNICEF
Eran Schweiger, UN Secretariat
Stephen Brightwell, UNWomen

SPEAKERS:

Sovany Trapani, UNICEF Focal Point
Stephen Brightwell, UNWomen Focal Point
Eran Schweiger, UN Secretariat
Ana Celia Bites, NYLESA

AGENDA:

10:00-10:25 am	Registration for voting and networking
10:25-10:30 am	Welcome by NYLESA Chairperson
10:30-10:45 am	UN Guest Speaker's Speech
10:45-10:55 am	NYLESA Member's Speech
10:55-12:30 pm	Annual General Meeting

Agenda

1. Legitimacy and Quorum of the AGM
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of the 2014 AGM Minutes
4. Approval of the 2014 Annual Report and 2014 Financial Report
5. Recognition of Members
6. 2014 Chairperson's Speech
7. Presentation of Candidates
8. Elections to Steering Committee
 - Chairperson
 - Co-Chairperson
 - Treasurer
 - Welcome Working Group Coordinator
 - Career Support Working Group Coordinator
 - Communication Working Group Coordinator
9. Presentation of Election Results for Steering Committee
10. Presentation and approval of the NYLESA 2015 Annual Work Plan
11. 2015 Chairperson's speech
12. Adjourn

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Welcome and opening remarks by NYLESA Chairperson, Olivier Caudron.

Invited speakers from UNICEF, UN Secretariat, and UNWomen shared the role that focal points play for supporting spouses/partners as liaison between their agencies and NYLESA, as well as their experience in this relationship during the year.

NYLESA speaker shared her experience as NYLESA member, what it meant for her, to be an active and dynamic volunteer in the association.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

1. Legitimacy and Quorum of AGM

Electoral Officer Nor Wati Tupaat confirmed legitimacy and Quorum (30% of members represented).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

AGM Agenda was adopted as presented by show of hands.

3. Approval of the 2014 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the previous AGM, March 6th, 2014 were approved by show of hands.

4. Approval of 2014 Annual Report and 2014 Financial Report

2014 Annual report and 2014 Financial Report were approved by show of hands.

5. 2014 Chairperson's Speech

Chairperson presented the highlights of the 2014 SC's achievements.

6. Presentation of Candidates

Candidates presented themselves to membership.

7. Elections to Steering Committee

Members took a moment to vote and hand out their ballots.

8. Recognition of Members

Active members were acknowledged for their collaboration with NYLESA in 2014 and were a gift (journal with the NYLESA logo). The names of these members are listed in the 2014 Annual Report.

9. Presentation of Election Results for Steering Committee

Total number of attendees:	43
Total of voting ballots distributed:	50
Total of proxy votes:	07
Total of null votes:	06
Total of blank votes:	00
Total of valid votes:	42

Results for the 2014 NYLESA Steering Committee positions:

- Chairperson:
Michelle Negreros (40 votes, elected)
- Co-Chairperson:
Florina Aldea (40 votes, elected)
- Treasurer:
Carlos Martínez (40 votes, elected)
- Career Support Working Group Coordinator:
Ruwanthika Geeganage (39 votes, elected)
- Communication Working Group Coordinator:
Clare Robertson (28 votes, elected)
Sophie Geneau De Lamarliere (14 votes, not elected)
- Welcome Working Group Coordinator:
Annette Wolter (40 votes, elected)

11. Presentation and approval of the NYLESA 2015 Annual Work Plan

NYLESA 2015 Annual Work Plan was approved by show of hands.

12. 2015 Chairperson's speech

Chairperson thanked the membership for its presence and the new Steering Committee for their initiative to participate.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.